

32692
Customer Number

OCT 22 2004

Patent
Case No.: 56545US007

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: BEDINGHAM, WILLIAM
 Application No.: 10/808124
 Filed: March 24, 2004
 Title: MULTI-FORMAT SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES, METHODS AND SYSTEMS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION (37 CFR § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9306.

22 Oct. 2004
DateLaci Burhop
Signed by: Laci Burhop

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

Copies of any cited foreign patents, foreign publications, non-patent literature documents; and any pending U.S. applications filed before June 30, 2003, are enclosed. Copies of any pending U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003 that can be accessed on the USPTO's JFW system are not enclosed as per USPTO Waiver dated September 21, 2004. Copies of any U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not enclosed.

Application No.: 10/808124Case No.: 56545US007

If a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed prior to the mailing date of this document, please charge the fee for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p), and if necessary, please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

10/22/2004
Date

By: 

Christopher D. Gram, Reg. No.: 43,643
Telephone No.: (651) 733-1507

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

10/22 '04 13:00

ID:3M 220-11-01

FAX: OCT 22 2004 PAGE 3

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO (modified)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Page 1 of 1

Application Number	10/808124
Filing Date	March 24, 2004
First Named Inventor	Bedingham, William
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Case Number	56545US007

U.S. Patent Documents

Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date or Issue Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Doc. Number-(Kind Code if Known)			
	A1	US-			
	A2	US-			
	A3	US-			
	A4	US-			
	A5	US-			
	A6	US-			
	A7	US-			
	A8	US-			
	A9	US-			

Foreign Patent Documents

Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation (Check if yes)
		Ctry. Code	Number-KindCode (if known)				
	B1	EP	0 965 388	12-22-1999			
	B2	WO	98/49340	11-05-1998			
	B3						
	B4						
	B5						
	B6						
	B7						

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	Translation (Check if yes)
	C1		
	C2		
	C3		

*Examiner:

Date Considered:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.